1	2	3	4	5
10	Jharkhand	7672	6799	5181
11	Jammu & Kashmir	264	209	205
12	Karnataka	4299	4522	4411
13	Kerala	870	778	827
14	Madhya Pradesh	5274	6058	6309
15	Maharashtra	11189	12397	14274
16	Manipur	44	54	38
17	Meghalaya	26	14	17
18	Mizoram	20	26	21
19	Nagaland	51	54	65
20	Orissa	5088	5685	6381
21	Punjab	960	964	933
22	Rajasihan	1263	1201	1177
23	Sikkim	19	27	29
24	Tamil Nadu	5316	5511	5022
25	Tripura	65	85	66
26	Uttar Pradesh	32413	31028	27577
27	Uttarakhand	763	763	667
28	West Bengal	13593	13551	11891
29	A & N Islands	35	18	25
30	Chandigarh	223	190	37
31	D & N Haveli	131	150	121
32	Daman & Diu	7	2	10
33	Delhi	3146	1331	1631
34	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
35	Puducherry	57	50	57
	TOTAL :	139252	137685	134184

Herbal medicine for treatment of cataract and glucoma

†1591. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the treatment of cataract and glucoma, through herbal medicines is possible;

(b) whether the herbal plants have been set up in the country and if so, the locations thereof;

(c) the amount required for this project; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The management of Cataract and Glaucoma, through Ayurvedic herbal medicine is possible. In fact, different Ayurvedic formulations and Panchakarma therapies are described for different clinical subtypes of these diseases in Ayurveda and are successfully used by Ayurveda practitioners. They are useful for both delaying the onset and arresting the progression of the disease. In some cases they serve as supplementary or supportive therapy, owing to their neuro-protective or antioxidant effects, desired in these diseases, Research studies undertaken by Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, New Delhi and Institute of Post Graduate Teaching and Research in Ayurveda-Jamnagar have revealed the beneficial effects of Ayurvedic medicine in age related immature cataract.

(b) to (d) The Central Council of Research in Ayurveda and Siddha maintains 5 herbal gardens located in various parts of India. The number of medicinal plants maintained for demonstration purpose are as follows:-

Medicinal Plants Garden at Tarikhet (Uttarakhand)-153 species, Jhansi (U.P.) -215 medicinal plants, Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh)-224 species, Pune (Maharashtra)-375 species and Siddha Medicinal Plants Garden, Mettur, (Tamil Nadu) 334 nos. of medicinal plants. In the above gardens common medicinal plants of Ayurvedic and Siddha medicine systems of particular zone are being maintained for demonstration purpose. One project has been sanctioned by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), New Delhi to Sowa Rigpa Research Institute, Leh under CCRAS for Cultivation of Medicinal Plants of the Himalayan region.

An amount of Rs. 1.08 crore has been approved for developing the above Herbal gardens during 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Vacant posts of pharmacists

1592. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some posts of Allopathic Pharmacists and Homoeopathic Pharmacist in CGHS Delhi are lying vacant as on date;

(b) if so, the number of posts which are lying vacant as on date, category-wise;

(c) the reasons for keeping the posts vacant so far;

(d) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up;